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2. [] Attempted to see Representative Arends but he has remained in the district and will not be returning until Monday. I had hoped to discuss with him the Senate amendments to the Agency retirement bill.

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3. [] Tried to meet with Representative Rivers to discuss the Senate amendments to our early retirement bill and arrangements are being made to see him tomorrow.

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4. [] Reviewed with Russ Blandford the proposed explanation of Senate amendments to the Agency retirement bill which will be utilized with the House Armed Services Committee by the Chairman to urge acceptance of Senate amendments.

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5. [] Talked with Senator Stennis indicating that General Carter had wished to speak with him concerning our early retirement bill to offer him any assistance possible. Senator Stennis said he had sat in the Committee meetings and felt that Ed Braswell could do the necessary briefing. I indicated to the Senator I would like his advice

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on the problem concerned with approval by the Chairman and Ranking Minority members of the two Armed Services Committees. I stated this is causing considerable concern both in the Bureau of the Budget and Department of Justice who have indicated that on constitutional grounds they may be required to recommend veto. The Senator indicated he was familiar with this problem although some cases had been handled in the past. He requested that I make available to him the text of some veto language on this point. He asked if we had raised this with Senator Russell and I indicated we had made a strong point on this before the Committee had acted and we were seeking his advice now as to a possible solution. He said he would be glad to look into the matter looking toward a possible Floor amendment but that he would not commit himself on this.

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6. [redacted] Mr. Michael O'Hare, in the office of
50X1 Senator Thomas J. Dodd, talked with me regarding [redacted]
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8. [] Mr. James Boyd, in the office of Senator Thomas J. Dodd, inquired as to the date of John Downey's missing or captured status in Communist China. (Boyd needs this information for a letter Senator Dodd is sending to the President asking that the President agree to see Mrs. Downey.) Boyd was advised that the date he desired was 13 December 1952. Boyd was also advised that Mrs. Downey has obtained a visa permitting her to visit Communist China. She and her younger son William plan to cross the border into Red China on 5 November 1964. Boyd thanked us for this information.

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10. [] Miss Palmer, in the office of Representative James C. Healey, called concerning the status of the application of [] who is under consideration for Agency employment, and who allegedly has not received any word from the Agency for some time. I advised Miss Palmer that we would have our Personnel people look into this case and be in touch with her.

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11. [] Talked with Congressman Rivers who inquired on his own about our retirement bill. I indicated that it was possible there might be Senate floor action this week. He expressed his view that he would do anything to help us get this through and that he was strongly of the view that the House should simply accept the Senate amendments. He added he understood this was Mr. Vinson's attitude and, consequently, there should be no problem from the Committee. He added that he would be in town until Sunday and would be in Charleston the first of next week but that we could call on him at any time to do anything he could to assist us. I expressed our appreciation for all of his help.

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12. [redacted] Mr. Courtney Pace, Administrative Assistant to Senator James O. Eastland, called concerning [redacted] who is interested in a position with the Agency as a translator or language teacher. Mr. Pace indicated [redacted] Mr. Pace spoke very highly of this individual who is presently working in [redacted] restaurant. [redacted] is not a U.S. citizen, therefore, I advised Pace that we could not consider him for staff employment although he might be considered for work on a contract basis. Since Eastland's office has considerable interest in this case, I advised Mr. Pace that I would be happy to arrange an appointment for [redacted] with one of our Personnel people. [redacted] will call me directly and I will arrange an appointment at a mutually convenient time.

13. [redacted] In the absence of Senator Edwin L. Mechem I met with Mrs. Bobby Postlewaite, the Senator's Personal Secretary, concerning H. R. 8427. Mrs. Postlewaite indicated that she would mention the bill to the Senator as soon as he arrived back in the city tomorrow and was sure that we could count on his support.

14. [redacted] Met with Senator Ralph Yarborough, Richard Yarborough, his Legislative Assistant, and Alex Dickie, his Administrative Assistant, concerning H. R. 8427. As Mr. Yarborough was on his way to a meeting, I discussed H. R. 8427 with his Legislative Assistant and Administrative Assistant. They thanked me for coming by and indicated that they would brief the Senator on the bill and would call if they had any further questions.

15. [redacted] Met with Mr. William Gullledge, Staff Director, Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee, who indicated he had reviewed the bill, H.R. 8427, and that he saw no problem in the bill from the chairman's point of view.

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16. [redacted] Ben Mandel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee staff, called and asked if we had a list of the American participants in the Pugwash Conference presently taking place in Prague. He referred to the FBIS Daily Report of 21 September at pages GG 1 and 2. I told Mandel that the State Department or the Agency should have the information and I would check on it for him.

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17. [redacted] Met with Mr. Ed Braswell, Senate Armed Services Committee staff, who indicated he had discussed H.R. 8427 with a member of the Senate Post Office and Civil Service Committee staff and that there were no foreseeable problems in this quarter.

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